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17. An electrophoretic display according to claim 13 wherein at least one of the spacers is secured to, or integral with, one of the first and second substrates.

18. A method of forming an electrophoretic display, which method comprises:

(a) providing a substrate; and

(b) providing, adjacent the substrate, an encapsulated electrophoretic medium comprising a layer of capsules, each of said capsules comprising a liquid and at least one particle disposed within the liquid and capable of moving therethrough on application of an electric field to the medium, the layer of capsules having the form of a lamina having a thickness substantially less than its other two dimensions, the medium further comprising a plurality of spacers dispersed among the capsules, the dimension of the spacers parallel to the thickness of the lamina being from 0.9 to 1.0 times this thickness.

19. A method according to claim 18 wherein step (b) is effected by providing a mixture of the capsules and the spacers in a binder, and coating the surface of the substrate with said mixture.

20. A method according to claim 18 wherein step (b) is effected by providing a mixture of the capsules with a

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binder, coating the surface of the substrate with said mixture, and dispersing the spacers among the capsules.

21. A method according to claim 18 further comprising laminating a second substrate to the layer of capsules so that the two substrates lie on opposed sides of said layer.

22. A method according to claim 18 wherein the substrate bears a conductive coating.

23. A method according to claim 18 wherein at least one of the spacers has substantially the form of a sphere.

24. A method according to claim 18 wherein at least one of the spacers has substantially the form of a rod.

25. A method according to claim 18 wherein the spacers are formed from glass and/or a polymeric material.

26. A method according to claim 18 wherein the spacers are formed from a substantially transparent material.

27. A method according to claim 18 wherein the ratio of spacers to capsules is in the range of from about 1:100 to about 1:1,000,000.

28. A method according to claim 18 wherein the ratio of spacers to capsules is in the range of from about 1:1,000 to about 1:100,000.

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